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SUBJECT: IRANIAN LANCE MISSILE REQUEST

REF: STATE 77420

1. REFTEL NOT RECEIVED UNTIL APRIL 20.
 2. US SALE OF LANCE MISSILES TO IRAN WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE HIGHLY ADVERSE IMPACT IN IRAQ. MOST DANGEROUS RESULT WOULD BE LIKELIHOOD THAT SOONER OR LATER IRAQIS WOULD ATTEMPT TO MATCH LANCE SYSTEM BY OBTAINING EQUIVALENT SYSTEM THEREBY ESCALATING ARMS RACE IN GULF AREA. FURTHERMORE, SOVIET UNION WOULD PROBABLY BE ONLY SOURCE OF EQUIVALENT MISSILE SYSTEM, WITH RESULTING RESURGENCE OF IRAQI MILITARY DEPENDENCE ON USSR AT TIME WHEN IRAQIS WOULD CLEARLY PREFER TO REDUCE THIS DEPENDENCE.
 3. USINT HAS NO INFO ABOUT ALLEGED IRAQI INTEREST IN OBTAINING SCUD (TEHRAN 3455).
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